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SUBJ: EXTRADITION - JEROME (JERRY) ZELLER

REF: STATE 0388

1. THE MFA HAS SUBMITTED A NOTE, DATED JANUARY 2, 1974, INFORMING THE EMB THAT THE TEL AVIV DISTRICT COURT HAD BEGUN EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST JEROME ZELLER BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE OCTOBER WAR. AFTER THE WAR, ZELLER'S ATTORNEY APPROACHED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL INFORMING HIM THAT ZELLER HAD BEEN WOUNDED DURING THE WAR IN ONE OF THE BATTLES ON MOUNT HERMON (GOLAN HEIGHTS). THE MFA HAS ATTACHED TO ITS NOTE A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FROM DR. YAIR LIEBERMAN, SHIBU HOSPITAL, DATED NOV 7, 1973, DESCRIBING ZELLER'S MEDICAL CONDITON. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, ZELLER HAS SUFFERED A LESION IN THE NECK AFFECTING HIS RIGHT ARM AND A LESION IN THE RIGHT LUNG. THE REPORT FURTHER STATES THAT WHILE ZELLER'S CONDITION HAS IMPROVED, THERE STILL IS A PARALYSIS OF THE RIGHT ARM AND THAT HE MAY HAVE TO UNDERGO ADDITIONAL CHEST SURGERY. DR. LEIBERMAN STATES THAT "HIS TREATMENT WILL DEMAND A LONG TIME."

2. THE MFA HAS ASKED ZELLER'S ATTORNEY FOR A FURTHER UPDATED ESTIMATE OF HIS MEDICAL CONDITION, POSSIBLE FORECAST ON FURTHER SURGERY AND EXTENT OF POSSIBLE PERMANENT DISABILITY.

3. MFA HAS INFORMED THE EMB THAT LEGAL PROCEEDINGS HAVE  
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BEEN POSTPONED FOR THE TIME BEING. IT REQUESTS THE EMB TO INFORM

THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS WITH A VIEW TO  
CONSIDERING A POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF THE EXTRADITION REQUEST.

4. AN ARTICLE DESCRIBING ZELLER'S WAR RECORD, CURRENT MEDICAL  
CONDITION AND HIS LEGAL SITUATION APPEARED IN YEDIOT AHARONOT ON  
DECEMBER 24, 1973.

5. THE EMBASSY IS SUBMITTING A COPY OF THE MFA NOTE,  
THE MEDICAL ATTACHMENT AND THE ABOVE-NOTED ARTICLE BY SEPARATE  
AIRGRAM.  
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